

**How does Congress pass bills?**

**Why did our Founding Fathers make it so difficult to pass laws?**

**Do you think they were right or wrong to do so? Why?**

Getting a bill passed is a very long process. The first step of the process is getting an idea. After a good idea is thought of, it goes to the House of Representatives and the Senate. Then it goes to subcommittees in Congress. The people in the subcommittees debate if they think it's constitutional. If they think it is a good idea and it's constitutional they will pass it along to the whole committee. If both the House of Representatives and the Senate pass the bill, they will compromise to form one bill. If the House and Senate members approve the compromise, a bill is sent to be signed by the president and become a law. If the president vetoes the bill Congress can override the president's veto by taking a vote and at least 2/3rds vote for the bill.

I was glad Sue Kelly came to visit my school. She was very informative. Our Founding Fathers made it difficult to pass laws to protect the freedom of the United States. I think that was right, or else anyone could make an unfair law. She is lucky to have an interesting job.

- Jimmy Cillo